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SUBJECT: FRG VIEWS ON MTN STATE OF PLAY

1. DURING A REVIEW OF COMMUNITY VIEWS ON MFA WITH SMITH (STR) AND SHEPHERD (COMMERCE) ON MARCH 26, ECONOMICS MINISTRY TRADE POLICY OFFICIAL KUEHN REMARKED THAT THE FRG REGRETTED THAT THE COMMUNITY HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN THE MTN. KUEHN MENTIONED THAT THE 113 COMMITTEE HELD A BRIEF AND UN-PRODUCTIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE MTN AT ITS LAST SESSION. HE OPINED THAT THIS DISCUSSION REVEALED ONCE AGAIN THAT THE COMMUNITY COULD NOT PROCEED FURTHER
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IN DEVELOPING ITS OWN POSITIONS IN THE ABSENCE OF MORE DEFINITE INDICATIONS FROM THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION OF U.S. VIEWS.

2. HOWEVER, IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF, KUEHN INDICATED THAT THE FRG HAS RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE SUGGESTION FOR AN "EARLY HARVEST", MADE BY U.S.

OFFICIALS DURING U.S.-FRG BILATERALS IN WASHINGTON IN PREPARATIONS FOR THE LONDON SUMMIT. IN THE FRG VIEW, WHICH IS GENERALLY SHARED BY THE COMMUNITY, MUCH TIME WOULD BE WASTED IN THE EFFORT TO REACH AGREEMENT ON A BALANCED MINI-PACKAGE, TIME WHICH COULD MORE USEFULLY BE SPENT ON SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS. WITH THIS RESERVATION IN MIND, THE FRG HAS INCLUDED A STATEMENT ON THE MTN IN ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE PAPERS BEING PREPARED BY THE UK FOR THE SUMMIT. THE FRG STATEMENT CALLS FOR "SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN ALL AREAS AS FAST AS POSSIBLE." STOESEL

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